

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET/CONTROL/US OFFICIALS ONLY~~COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Military Information from the Templin Training Area

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 27 August 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. The firing of individual artillery pieces was heard from the Templin (N 54/ U 81) training area between 10 and 10:30 a.m. on 26 July 1951. Eight officers and about 200 EM arrived at the meadows opposite the Templin railroad station on [REDACTED] on 31 July. Some of the troops went swimming while others danced or played outdoor games. Troops were seen emplacing four rocket launchers about 1 km southwest of Hammelspring. About 80 troops were seen aiming with rifles, and six soldiers drilling with three mortars. Large-scale field exercises outside the military reservation, as were frequently held in 1950, were not observed by the end of July.

2. A train of 17 flatcars carrying 12 pontoons, 1 motorboat, boards and planks was at the Templin railroad station at 11:15 a.m. on 2 August. The materiel was transferred to [REDACTED]. The same train was seen at the Zehdenick railroad station at about 1 p.m. Another train of 16 flatcars carrying 2 officers, about 100 EM, and an undetermined number of pontoons and bridge-building equipment was observed at the Templin railroad station at about 12:15 p.m. The soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets.

\* Comment. With one movement of engineer troops to the Templin area completed on 14 July 1951, the present report indicates that two further shipments of engineer troops arrived on 2 August 1951, [REDACTED]

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